



TOM CILMI
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Legislator Tom Cilmi (R – East Islip) presented a check for \$2,000 to the Rett Syndrome Center at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore. On hand to accept the donation was Great River resident Anthony Dattero and his family. Anthony won a charity wing-eating contest sponsored by Legislator Cilmi. The proceeds of the contest go to the charity of the winner’s choice.

Mr. Dattero’s daughter Jayme (center) suffers from Rett Syndrome, a neurodevelopmental disorder in girls, which affects the way the brain develops, causing a progressive inability to use muscles for eye and body movement and speech. Also shown is Jayme’s sister, Jordan.

Legislator Cilmi stated, “I am delighted to be able to make this contribution on behalf of all those who participated in our 6th Annual Wing Fling Charity Wing-Eating Contest. Researchers actually have some hope that this rare debilitating condition may actually be reversible. What a wonderful thing it would be if this contribution helps in some small way to make that a reality for Jayme, her family, and the many others who suffer from this rare disorder.”

“On behalf of my family and the many girls afflicted with Rett Syndrome, I want to thank Legislator Cilmi, his staff and the fierce competitors for affording me the opportunity to raise funds and awareness for Rett Syndrome. The money raised will go directly to the Rett Clinic at Montefiore Hospital under the care of its Director Dr. Sasha Djukic. Dr. Djukic and her staff provide our girls with amazing care and give families the hope that one day they will defeat this most debilitating disorder,” said Anthony Dattero

Dr. Aleksandra Djukic commented that, “The Rett Center at Montefiore is committed to use 100% of all donations towards developing strategies, and ways to improve the lives of our girls with Rett Syndrome. We do believe that a cure is on its way and until it comes we are implementing various strategies to improve the girls’ lives now. We are grateful to both the Dattero family and Mr. Cilmi for their support.”